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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

I

1. United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 1/2 August 1991 amounted to 17 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at various altitudes.

2. Air activity centred over Dohuk, Mosul, Arbil and Amadiyah, for the purpose of observation and reconnaissance.

II

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 2/3 August 1991 amounted to 22 sorties flown by one four-aircraft formation, seven two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 500 to 1,800 metres.

2. Flights were centred over Dohuk, Amadiyah, northern Mosul, Arbil and Qala Diza, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

III

1. United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 3/4 August 1991 amounted to 25 sorties flown by ten two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and two single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 3,000 to 6,000 metres.

2. The United States flights were centred over Dohuk, Mosul, Arbil, Tall'Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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